

House Resolution 4 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

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1 A Resolution calling for the withdrawal of the state
2 of Iowa from the Midwestern Regional Greenhouse Gas
3 Reduction Accord.

4 WHEREAS, there has been no credible economic
5 analysis of the costs associated with carbon-reduction
6 mandates and the consequential effect of the increasing
7 costs of conducting business in this state; and

8 WHEREAS, forcing business, industry, and food
9 producers to reduce carbon emissions through government
10 mandates and cap-and-trade policies under consideration
11 for the regional climate initiative will increase the
12 cost of conducting business, push companies to conduct
13 business with other states or nations, and increase
14 consumer costs for electricity, fuel, and food; and

15 WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office warns that
16 the cost of cap-and-trade policies will be borne by
17 consumers and will place a disproportionately high
18 burden on poorer families; and

19 WHEREAS, simply reducing carbon emissions in
20 this state will not have a significant impact on
21 international carbon reduction, especially while
22 countries like China, Russia, Mexico, and India
23 emit an ever-increasing amount of carbon into the
24 atmosphere; and

25 WHEREAS, a tremendous amount of economic growth
26 would be sacrificed for a reduction in carbon emission
27 that would have no appreciable impact on global
28 concentrations of carbon dioxide; and

1 WHEREAS, no state or nation has enhanced economic
2 opportunities for its citizens or increased gross
3 domestic product through cap-and-trade or other carbon
4 reduction policies; and

5 WHEREAS, Europe's cap-and-trade system has been
6 undermined by political favoritism, and accounting
7 irregularities and has failed to achieve carbon
8 reduction targets; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
10 the House of Representatives urges the Governor to
11 withdraw the state of Iowa from the Midwestern Regional
12 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That enrolled copies of
14 this Resolution shall be sent to the members of Iowa's
15 congressional delegation and the director of the
16 Midwestern Regional Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord.